

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 747

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A RESOLUTION to name a segment of U.S. Highway 31E in Sumner County in honor of Johnny Hayes.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor those exemplary public servants who have contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, no Tennessean could be more deserving of this honor than Johnny Hayes, a resident of the Sideview community in Sumner County; and

WHEREAS, a valuable resident of Sumner County for more than forty-five years, Mr. Hayes has served his fellow citizens with integrity, probity, and generosity as a public servant of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Johnny Hayes served with distinction as the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, the State's highest economic development post, in the administration of Governor Ned McWherter; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hayes was subsequently appointed to the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), and during his illustrious tenure on the TVA Board, he oversaw the development of an aggressive and award-winning economic development program for the seven-state regional agency; and

WHEREAS, most recently, Mr. Hayes has donated his time and expertise as the Chief Executive Officer of the Forward Sumner Economic Council, a non-profit organization that provides a unified economic development organization for Sumner County; and

WHEREAS, he has previously served Sumner County as a member of Board of County Commissioners and the county's industrial development board; and

WHEREAS, the Sumner County Board of County Commissioners has petitioned this Body to name a certain segment of U.S. Highway 31E to permanently recognize Mr. Hayes's life of purpose and commitment; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly most heartily concurs with this excellent proposal; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that the segment of U.S. Highway 31E in Sumner County from the easternmost corporate limits of the City of Gallatin northeastward to its intersection with Mt. Vernon Road is hereby designated the "Johnny Hayes Highway" to honor the many positive contributions and legacy of Mr. Hayes as one of the most dedicated and most proficient economic development leaders this State has ever known.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the segment of U.S. Highway 31E described in the first resolving clause as the "Johnny Hayes Highway".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this resolution shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become operative only if Sumner County, Tennessee, either (1) remits the estimated cost of the erection of such signs to the department of transportation within one (1) year of the effective date of this resolution, or (2) manufactures and erects such signs pursuant to state and federal guidelines as approved by the Department. If electing option (1), Sumner County shall make payment of the estimated cost prior to any expenditure by the State for the manufacture or installation of such signs. The department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to Sumner County within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, Sumner

County shall remit an amount equal to the difference in such costs to the Department within thirty (30) days of receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the appellation "Johnny Hayes Highway" provided for in this resolution is for honorary purposes only and nothing contained herein shall be construed as requiring the alteration of any address, or the governmental system for assigning addresses, in any county, municipality or other governmental entity affected by this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that nothing contained in this resolution shall be construed as requiring the alteration of any previously named segment or segments of any highway described in this resolution as the "Johnny Hayes Highway".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Transportation.